



## **Arkansas Department of Emergency Management**

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### **Federal Disaster Declaration Granted for Arkansas Counties**

**LITTLE ROCK** – President Obama today granted Governor Asa Hutchinson’s request for a major disaster declaration for Public Assistance for the State of Arkansas as a result of damages due to severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding during the period of March 8 to March 13, 2016. The declaration will allow governmental bodies in the affected areas, who meet certain criteria, to apply for assistance.

Public Assistance for emergency work and repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities will be available in Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Cleveland, Columbia, Desha, Lincoln, Ouachita, Phillips, and Prairie counties.

Through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, funds will be available for actions taken to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards for all areas of the state. Additional designations may be added to the declaration if requested by the state and warranted by results of further damage assessments.

Individual Assistance for individuals and households is still under review for Ashley, Chicot, Desha, Lee, Lincoln, and Phillips counties.

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